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**I want to take this time to welcome you to French 3 which promises to be a fun, interesting, and engaging year in French. In order to maximize our experience, I want to share my expectations for you in the course and what you should expect from me!**

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1) Speak French AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE with me and your classmates.

2) Come ready to participate fully in class.

3) Be kind, respectful, and encouraging.

4) Don’t worry about making mistakes. That’s how we learn!

5) Have fun!

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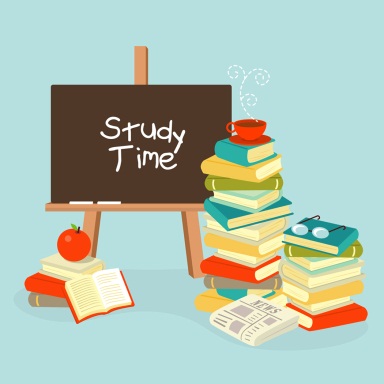
1) Ask me to repeat or explain something.

2) Ask me for extra-help.

3) Tell me what you’re interested in learning.

4) Tell me if it’s too hard or too easy.

5) Tell me to relax every now and then!

**Study tips to help you be successful in learning French:**

1) Study a little bit every day.

2) Work with a friend.

3) Find what study habits works for you.

4) Read and listen to French even if you don’t understand very much.

5) Never give up!

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**Opportunities and Activities the French Department will offer this year.**

1) le Cercle français

2) Exchange with Cours St. Charles, Orléans, France - April (to be approved)

**1. A world language**

More than 200 million people speak French on the five continents. The Francophonie, the international organisation of French-speaking countries, comprises 68 states and governments. French is the second most widely learned foreign language after English, and the ninth most widely spoken language in the world. French is also the only language, alongside English, that is taught in every country in the world. France operates the biggest international network of cultural institutes, which run French-language courses for more than 750,000 learners.

**2. A language for the job market**

An ability to speak French and English is an advantage on the international job market. A knowledge of French opens the doors of French companies in France and other French-speaking parts of the world (Canada, Switzerland, Belgium, and North and sub-Saharan Africa). As the world’s fifth biggest economy and number-three destination for foreign investment, France is a key economic partner.

**3. The language of culture**

French is the international language of cooking, fashion, theatre, the visual arts, dance and architecture. A knowledge of French offers access to great works of literature, as well as films and songs, in the original French.

**4. A language for travel**

France is the world’s number-one tourist destination and attracts more than 70 million visitors a year. French also comes in handy when travelling to Africa, Switzerland, Canada, Monaco, the Seychelles and other places.

**5. A language for higher education**

Speaking French opens up study opportunities at renowned French universities and business schools, ranked among the top higher education institutions in Europe and the world.

**6. The other language of international relations**

French is both a working language and an official language of the United Nations, the European Union, UNESCO, NATO, the International Olympic Committee, the International Red Cross and international courts. French is the language of the three cities where the EU institutions are headquartered: Strasbourg, Brussels and Luxembourg.

**7. A language that opens up the world**

After English and German, French is the third most used language on the Internet, ahead of Spanish. An ability to understand French offers an alternative view of the world through communication with French speakers from all the continents and news from the leading French-language international media (TV5, France 24 and Radio France Internationale).

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